



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 5836-01; MBHB02-731-C)

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In the Application of: )  
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Aomatsu, et al. ) Before the Examiner:  
) Brian Yong S. Kwon  
Serial No. 09/674,815 )  
) Group Art Unit: 1614  
Filed: December 7, 2000 )  
)  
For: Solid Compositions Containing 4-Amino-3- )  
Substituted-Butanoic Acid Derivatives and Process )  
For Preparing the Same )

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED MAY 30, 2002**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action Mailed May 30, 2002, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

**Amendments**

**In the claims:**

Please add new claims 23-24 as follows.

23. (New ) The stabilized pharmaceutical preparation of claim 1 wherein the  $\alpha$ -amino acid is phenylglycine, hydroxyphenylglycine, dihydroxyphenylglycine, an L- $\alpha$ -amino acid or a DL- $\alpha$ -amino acid.
- 24 (New) The stabilized pharmaceutical preparation of claim 1 wherein the  $\alpha$ -amino acid is glycine and